

Chicago Build Expo 2025: Driving Change, Diversity & Equality Across the Midwest's Built Environment

Chicago Build Expo 2025 continues to collaborate with an outstanding community of industry ambassadors, championing positive change across key topics including Women in Construction, Diversity, Sustainability, Mental Health, Real Estate, and Digital Construction. Being an ambassador is more than a title - it is progress in motion. This initiative invites individuals of all genders to join and help enhance opportunities in the Midwest's construction sector.

Chicago Build Expo offers incredible networking opportunities and a platform to exchange ideas through a packed two-day agenda, featuring dedicated networking events and discussions across 13 conference tracks.

Don't miss the Midwest's largest networking event for Women in Construction, taking place on Thursday, October 30 at 3:00pm - 4:15pm at Chicago Build Expo.

The annual Women in Construction Networking Event is hosted in collaboration with Professional Women in Construction (PWC), a leading partner seeking to support, advance, and connect women and promote diversity within the AEC sector.

At Chicago Build Expo, you can attend the Midwest's largest networking event for Diversity in Construction which will be taking place on Wednesday, October 29 at 3:00pm - 4:15pm.

Co-hosted by Chicagoland AGC and National Association of Black Women in Construction, this event features an inspiring panel of industry leaders who will celebrate successes and discuss the challenges facing BAME, LGBT+, and female AEC professionals.

Meet the Sustainability Leaders Networking Event - Wednesday, October 29, 11:15am - 12:15pm.

Meet the Digital Construction Innovators Networking Event - Wednesday, October 29, 1:45pm - 2:45pm.

Annual Real Estate & Facilities Management Mixer Co-hosted by IFMA - Thursday, October 30, 11:15am - 12:15pm.

A few words from our amazing ambassadors...

"As a woman in construction, my mission is to lead by example, challenge stereotypes and build a more inclusive and equitable industry. I believe that diversity in construction is not only vital for innovation and problem-solving but also for creating stronger, more resilient teams that

reflect the communities we serve. I am committed to continually learning and uplifting others, especially the amazing women coming up behind me.” - **Jaime Zwierzynski, Director of Business Development, McHugh Construction**

“Diversity in architecture and design is essential when we are tasked with meeting our clients where they are and where they need to be. Honoring the diversity of our clients' narratives always produces the best result - There is no "cookie-cutter" human and so the environments we build should mindfully reflect that.” - **Alexa Glade DeTogne, Principal Designer, Lexa Glade Design**

“Comfort with change is core to working within Sustainability. I enjoy being an agent for positive, measurable change across the AEC industry – both in practice and in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) – so that all business activities can be aligned towards improving environmental stewardship and the lives of all affected by our projects.” - **Blake Jackson, Director, Sustainability, NORR**

“Driving change in the Midwest’s AEC industry means accelerating the adoption of BIM and digital workflows to improve construction efficiency, reduce errors, and foster smarter collaboration. Promoting these innovations helps deliver better, more sustainable infrastructure for the region.” - **Wister Jose Márquez, Civil Engineer, UPCT Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena**

Join the Ambassador Community Today!

We encourage everyone who is interested to stand at the forefront of change to apply and become part of this forward-thinking community dedicated to supporting growth and innovation in the AEC industry. For more information and to apply, please visit our Ambassador Program page: www.chicagobuildexpo.com/ambassador-program.

About Chicago Build Expo 2025:

Chicago Build Expo is the Midwest's largest construction show, featuring over 30,000 attendees, 350+ exhibitors, and 400+ speakers across 13 conference tracks, with DJs, musicians, live performances, food and drinks tastings, entertainment and so much more! The expo will take place at McCormick Place, Hall D2, from October 29-30, 2025.

Register free tickets today at www.chicagobuildexpo.com

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